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What is claimed is:

- A card verification system comprising:
- a card in which a card identification code is registered;
 - a read unit which reads said card
- identification code from said card; and
 - a verification apparatus which verifies said card only when an existing place of said read unit is within an area corresponding to said card identification code.
 - 2. The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said read unit has a read unit identification code, and notifies said read unit identification code to said verification apparatus, and

said verification apparatus has a table which shows a correspondence relation between said read unit identification code and said existing place, and searches and acquires said existing place

- 10 corresponding to said notified read unit identification code from said table.
 - 3. The card verification system according to claim 2, further comprising a mobile phone,

said verification apparatus has another table which shows a correspondence relation between said

- 5 card identification code and said mobile phone, and said area is coincident with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.
 - 4. The card verification system according to claim 3, further comprising a storage unit which stores data showing said area corresponding to said mobile phone, and
- said verification apparatus acquires said area data from said storage unit.
 - 5. The card verification system according to claim 4, wherein a user of said mobile phone deletes said area data from said storage unit by operating said mobile phone, and
- said verification apparatus does not verify said card when said area data is not stored in said storage unit.
 - 6. The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said card is a credit card.
 - 7. A card verification method using a card verification system which comprises a card that a card identification code is registered, a read unit which reads said card identification code from said card, and a verification apparatus which verifies said card

only when an existing place of said read unit belonging to corresponds to said card identification code, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring from said card, an existing place

10 of said read unit which read said card;

acquiring said area from said recorder;

determining whether or not said existing

place is in said area;

when said existing place does not belong to 15 said area, prohibiting settlement.

8. The card verification method according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of: deleting said recorded area; and

when said area is not recorded in said

5 recorder, prohibiting the settlement.